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Applicants: Naohiko HIROTA, et al.  
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For: BARLEY LIPOXYGENASE 1 GENE, METHOD OF SELECTING  
BARLEY VARIETY, MATERIAL OF MALT ALCOHOLIC  
DRINKS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MALT ALCOHOLIC  
DRINK  
Group Art Unit: 1652  
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